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SUBJECT: SYRIAN-SOVIET DIFFICULTIES

DURING JULY 20 MEETING, FORMIN ABDALLAH ALJASNAG
TOLD ME HE HAD LEARNED AT THE RECENT JIDDA ISLAMIC
FOREIGN

MINISTERS CONFERENCE THAT SYRIA IS HAVING
"DIFFICULTIES" WITH ITS SOVIET ADVISORS. ASNAG DID NOT
KNOW NATURE OF DIFFICULTIES. ACCORDING TO ASNAG, THE
SAUDIS HAVE BEEN QUICK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT
AND HAVE BEEN URGING THE SYRIANS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF THESE
ADVISORS

IN SYRIA. ASNAG SAID THAT ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE,
THE SYRIANS HAVE AGREED. ASNAG ADDED THAT THIS REDUCTION,
HOWEVER, WILL BE DEPENDENT ON OTHER AREA DEVELOPMENTS
(BY THIS HE OBVIOUSLY MEANT THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE
TALKS). ASNAG COMMENTED THAT THE SAUDIS ARE
WORKING HARD TO GET PRESIDENT ASSAD TO DO IN SYRIA
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WHAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS ALREADY DONE IN EGYPT.

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